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## Correctional Officers Appreciation Luncheon

The 31st annual South Carolina Correctional Association Correctional Officers' Appreciation Luncheon was held on May 16, 2017 at the SCDC Training Academy in Columbia. The meeting was presided over by the immediate past president of the SCCA Loretta Bookard, current president John Barkley and President-elect Nena Staley, warden at Manning Reentry and Work Release Center. The annual awards luncheon is an opportunity for the SCCA to salute the accomplishments of the various member organizations and their officers.



Left: Deputy Director of Programs and Services, Sandy Barrett, and Trenton CI Warden Willie Davis present Correctional Officer of the Year award went to Corporal Clinton Wilder of Trenton CI.

Besides the Department of Corrections, honorees represented the South Carolina Department of Juvenile Justice, the South Carolina Highway Patrol, The South Carolina Department of Probation, Parole and Pardon Services, Richland County Sheriff's Department, the Alston Wilkes Society, the Federal Bureau of Prisons' facility in Estill, the Jasper County Detention Center, and the Naval Consolidated Brig in Charleston.



Deputy Director Mike McCall presents award to Broad River CO of the Year, Larry English

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The following correctional officers were honored as correctional officers of the year at their SCDC institutions:

Allendale CI	CO Joseph Elmore
Broad River CI	CO Larry English
Camille Graham CI	Cpl. Moldavia Canada
Catawba PRC	Cpl. Bobby Glover
Evans CI	Cpl. Lashonda Murphy
Goodman CI	Cpl. Page Wiley
Kershaw CI	CO Donna Sorrenti
Kirkland R&E	CO Kantrell Brown
Leath CI	CO Kierra Bracey
Lee CI	Cpl. Lowanda Atkinson
Lieber CI	CO Anthony Brantley
Livesay CI	Cpl. James Blair
MacDougall CI	Cpl. Katina Stewart
Manning WR/R	Cpl. Tammy Thaggard
McCormick CI	CO Jennifer Bazzle
Palmer PR	CO Christopher Hayes
Perry CI	Cpl. Rodney Martin
Ridgeland CI	Cpl. Deja Williams
Trenton CI	Cpl. Clinton Wilder
Turbeville CI	CO Bridget Tolliver
Tyger River CI	Cpl. Bobby Samples
Wateree River CI	Cpl. Michael Haynesworth

## Correctional Officers Luncheon Continued



The luncheon speaker was the deputy commander of the South Carolina Highway Patrol, Lt. Col. Christopher N. Williamson. Lt. Col. Williamson commended all the officers and support personnel in attendance and lauded the efforts of the SCCA for advocating for law enforcement and correctional officers across the state. The South Carolina Correctional Association is a chapter of the American Correctional Association. For more information on becoming a member of SCCA, please contact Cathy Morgan at [morgan.cathy@doc.sc.gov](mailto:morgan.cathy@doc.sc.gov).





# Employee Appreciation Week

## Perry CI Employee Appreciation

Perry Correctional celebrated Employee Appreciation on May 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> by hosting a picnic at Heritage Park in Simpsonville. It was two days filled with food, fun, and festivities. Employees were treated to a delicious menu of hot dogs, hamburgers, chicken, baked beans, and much more. Associate Warden Williams manned the grill while other employees enjoyed playing corn hole, bingo, and taking part in a scavenger hunt.



More photos from Employee Appreciation week are available on the intranet!



## Employee Appreciation Continued



### Leath

Leath Correctional Institution celebrated Correctional Employee Appreciation on May 12<sup>th</sup> and May 13<sup>th</sup> with the theme, “Building the Bridge”! along with a Fiesta Style Touch!. The staff enjoyed grilled food by the maintenance department. The employees along with family members participated in games, dancing, and a whole lot of fun. Warden Patricia Yeldell fried fish along with the preparation of virgin margarita to complete the event. Employees were able to win prizes while engaging in laughter, fun, and fellowship. The staff is already looking forward to Employee Appreciation for next year! Special thanks to Regional Director Jannita Gaston, Deputy Director of Programs Sandra Barrett, Regional Director Bernard McKie, Division Director Colie Rushton and many others who came out to help make the Employee Appreciation a Success!





# Employee Appreciation Week Continued

## Kirkland

According to Warden Tim Riley, Kirkland CI served lunch to over 300 employees and guests on Tuesday, May 9, 2017. Director Bryan Stirling was present to personally express his appreciation to the staff for a “job well done” during the year. The menu for the day consisted of Farm Boys BBQ, greens, hash and rice, mac and cheese, fried chicken, bread, banana pudding and peach cobbler. Breakfast was also served to all staff and visitors Tuesday morning, and the night shift was served supper by the executive staff that evening. Breakfast, lunch and supper was to be served to staff on Thursday, May 11, as well. Warden Riley says this was just one way the executive staff could show the employees how much they are appreciated for their outstanding contributions to the institution and the Department of Corrections.





# Employee Appreciation Continued

## MacDougall

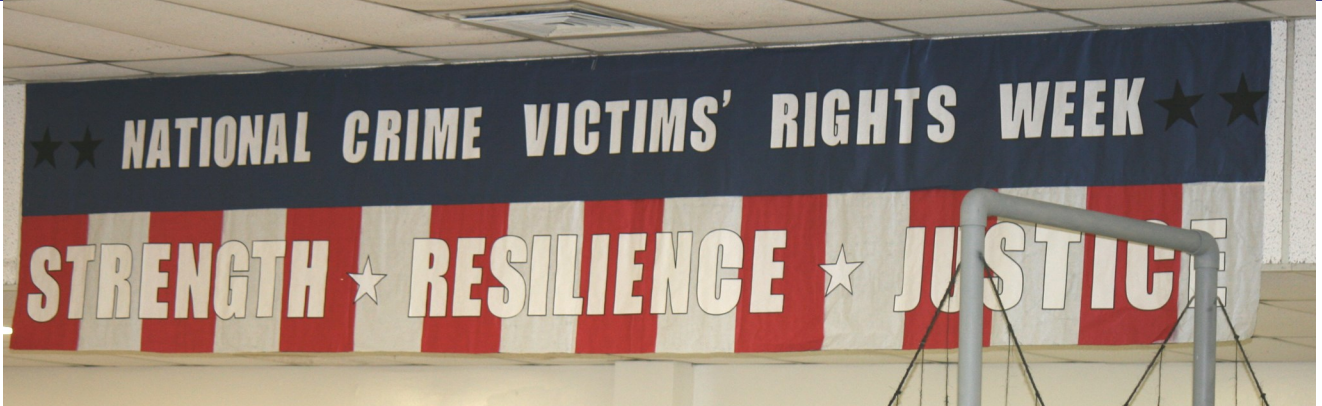
MacDougall Correctional Institution celebrated Correctional Employee Week in a “GROOVY” Style during the week of May 8th-12, 2017 at their Training Center. The staff enjoyed starting their mornings on May 9th and 11th with a very special breakfast prepared by the Medical Staff. On May 11th and 12th the luncheon was served at the MacDougall Training Center from 11am-7pm. Employees and families participated in games against each other with Coach Arnold, Mr. McCall took notes from our GRILL MASTERS, and everyone even took part in raising money for Special Olympics by having a “Crème de la Supervisor” (Pie in the Face) which raised an additional \$66. Staff even enjoyed classic tunes outside while eating, playing games and dancing!



Additional photos and information about other Employee Appreciation events can be seen on the intranet.



## Leath Crime Victims Ceremony



Leath Correctional held their annual Crime Victims Week from April 3-7, 2017. Representatives from local law enforcement in Abbeville and Greenwood counties were in attendance, as well as SCDC Director Bryan Stirling, Deputy Director of Programs and Services, Sandy Barrett, and Asst. Deputy Director for Operations, Dennis Patterson. Emily Joy spoke during the ceremony on Tuesday, April 4, about the tragic passing of her 19-year-old daughter E.A. Asbill who was strangled to death by her boyfriend in 2013. Ms. Joy has become an advocate for Domestic Violence awareness and intervention by sharing EA's story with others.



Emily Joy speaks about her daughter



Greenwood County Sheriff's Dept. is given a token of appreciation



Asst. Deputy Director of Operations, Dennis Patterson, addresses the group recalling an officer he met years ago who was a victim of domestic violence



## Lee CI's BLIC unit performs with NYC Music Ensemble



Lee Correctional's BLIC unit collaborated with NYC-based chamber music ensemble, Decoda, to perform original songs written by the BLIC inmates. Decoda has visited Lee for several years and hold a week-long workshop in which they help the inmates compose music to accompany the songs they have written. The theme of this year's performance was Abraham Lincoln to celebrate the 50th anniversary of Aaron Copland's "Lincoln Portrait" and was arranged in the style of the hit Broadway musical *Hamilton*.





## Walk a Mile in Their Shoes Event By Sherry Rhodes

If you did not make it to the State House on Thursday evening, April 6th, you really missed out on a fantastic event! Approximately 1,500 registered walkers took to the streets of downtown Columbia, with the mission of “Ending Sexual Violence One Step at a Time.” This event is sponsored by Sexual Trauma Services of the Midlands, and is one that this Agency has come to look forward to every year.



Team SCDC showed up in force, and was easily recognizable, due in large part to our officers who were in uniform. A special thanks to the brave men who walked in high heels, wedges and stiletto boots through the uneven and cobblestoned streets of downtown! Of course, without all of the support of the entire SCDC family, we would not have been able to “three-peat” a win for the “Most Supportive Strutters” trophy for the largest team. Congratulations to all who registered and made this happen! 474 employees signed up to walk. Mark your calendars for the event next year, scheduled to take place on April 12th. Team registration will begin late January, so be ready to support TEAM SCDC!



# Can Do Club Awards

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The **Can Do Club Program** and the **Character First Program** were combined in an effort to recognize employees, not only for their positive attitudes and quality of work, but also for exhibiting good character. The Can Do Club Award can be given to individuals or groups. Supervisors are encouraged to give this award to their employees, and vice versa, anytime an individual is caught doing something right or exhibiting good character.

Two **Can Do Spirit Awards** per year can be given by an employee who has been with the Agency for at least six months. Spirit Awards are not meant to be given to immediate supervisors or to employees you directly supervise. This award is to be given to one employee who has gone above and beyond the call of duty to make YOUR job easier and only one person can sign a Spirit Award.

So let's show our appreciation to our co-workers by giving them a Can Do or Spirit Award. Please check with the Warden's office in Institution's or with the Human Resource Liaison at HQ for help with giving an award. Also, please remember to send copies of all awards to Trina Thomas in HQ lobby so they can be publicized.

**Please remember when making copies to send, if signatures are not legible please print the name and please print the name of the Institution/Division beside the giver and the recipient names so it can be listed in the newsletter correctly.**

Awards given for the month of **March 2017** listed below:

## **SPIRIT AWARDS**

### ***Wateree River Correctional Institution***

Anthony Briggs; Jonathan Gundy (Bill Jordan) Airon Mack (Sherell Riley)

## **CAN DO CLUB AWARDS**

### ***Broad River Correctional Institution***

Sgt. Tiffany Williams; Erik D. Smith (Warden Dennis Bush)

### ***Goodman Correctional Institution***

Sgt. Derrick Bonner; Sgt. Clinton Swann (Maj. James Parrish) Ofc. Eric Stalcup; Sgt. Clinton Swann; Sgt. Steven Anderson (Cpt. Carol Scott)

### ***Kershaw Correctional Institution***

Ofc. Kimberly Pegram; Sgt. Michael Blackwell; Sgt. Lester Baker; Ofc. James Jackson; Ofc. James Neyhard; Ofc. Waylon Rutledge; Sgt. Jonny Eury (Lt. Melissa Williams)

### ***Leath Correctional Institution***

Sgt. Abigail Edmunds; Cpt. Toshea Jeennings; Lt. Harold Henderson; Sgt. Robbie Stewart; Sgt. Debra Anderson; Sgt. Lena Cartledge; Melinda Schlock; Ofc. Denise Thomas; Ofc. Alberta Chiles; Lt. Jody Agner (Cpt. Michele Carter)



# Can Do Club Awards Continued

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## ***MacDougall Correctional Institution***

Rick Smith; Capt. GR Davis; Cpl. Fortune Bannister; Lt. Gregory Neiderhiser (Assoc. Warden Phyllis Hopkins)

## ***Manning Correctional Institution***

Ofc. Alvin Sumter; Ofc. Innocent Agim; Ofc. Teresa Raymond; Rodney Robinson; Pamela Campbell (Warden Nena Staley) Cpl. Ajayi Ekue; Ofc. Claude Naylor; Ofc. Adam Feliz; John Kavashanski; Cpl. Christine Rossell (Warden Nena Staley and Maj. Wilfredo Martell)

## ***Palmetto Unified School District***

Ryan Bartola (Dr. Jay Collins)

## ***Ridgeland Correctional Institution***

Sandra Payne (Assoc. Warden Yvonne W. Smith)

## ***Trenton Correctional Institution***

Lt. Valerie Thomas (Warden Willie Davis) Sgt. Teresa Franklin; Ofc. Louis Moses; Sgt. Carla McGuire; Ofc. Aporinio Harps; Sintell Roberts; Cpl. Donald Hill; Raymond Rash; Cpt. Betty Fitch; Ofc. Zana Allen (Cpt. Tina Syphertt) Ofc. Daniel Buse (Maj. Joseph Canning III) Cdt. Quanisha Cannon (Sgt. Brian Lee)

## ***Turbeville Correctional Institution***

Quincena Murray; Martis Hastie; Mia Jackson; Janice Baker; Jade Patterson; Priscilla McDowell; Shimela McEachin; Chesley McFadden; Teniesha Tucker; Kevin Coleman (Wanda Pugh)

## ***Tyger River Correctional Institution***

Sgt. Alexander Eubanks; Cpt. Jason Watkins; Ofc. Antony Eubanks; Ofc. Kil Miller; Lt. Jacob Suggs; Cpl. Jeffery West; Cpl. Fred Funk; Sgt. Lydia Stewart; Sgt. Michael Robertson; Sgt. Randall Smith; Sgt. James Lance; Sgt. Michael Kneer; Sgt. David Hammett; Sgt. Roger Conejo; Lt. Kellan Mills (Lt. Gregory) Ofc. Malcolm Artis; Lt. Phillip Jett (Lt. Justin Moore) Sgt. Jacob Tucker; Ofc. Donna James; Cpl. Michael Waddell; Sgt. Jessie Simmons; Cdt. Timothy Taylor; Sgt. Kenneth Whitener (Lt. Adam Bradburn) Sgt. Cheryl Henderson (David Fowler, Commissary Manager)

## ***YOPRS***

Angela Warren (Lisa Davey)

***If you need blank Can Do or Spirit Award forms sent to you, please contact Trina Thomas at: 896-8555 or by email at [Thomas.Trina@doc.sc.gov](mailto:Thomas.Trina@doc.sc.gov)***

# Can Do Club Awards Continued

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Awards given for the month of **April 2017** listed below:

## CAN DO CLUB AWARDS

### ***Allendale Correctional Institute***

Chernell Dorch, MAT; Tracie Murphy-Tisdale; Janice Williams, RN (Pamela Derrick, Nurse Supervisor) Sgt. Linda Islar; Sgt. Teresa Cave (Teresa Ramsey-Tyler, Unit Counselor)

### ***Broad River Correctional Institution***

Jaki Murrell; James Bradham; C/O Josiah Hines; C/O Dayshawn Johnson; Sgt. Michelle Oakman-Tucker (Dennis Bush, Warden) Warden Dennis Bush (Associate Warden Michael Stephan)

### ***Goodman Correctional Institution***

Cpt. Carol Scott (Sgt. Steven Anderson) Cpt. Dwayne Hingleton (Ofc. Myrtis Smith and Ofc. Tamara Jones)

### ***MacDougall Correctional Institution***

Cpl. Katina Stewart (Cpt. Garnet Francis) Sgt. Rashaad Jones; Sgt. Teresa Rainey; Cpl. Corley Bridges; Sgt. Maurice Green (Cpt. Ronnie Chisolm) Ofc. Courtney Campbell; Cpl. Timothy Burns; Ofc. Marshall Troublefield; Ofc. Jarrette Bryant; Ofc. Stephen Britton; Ofc. Arthur Ellis; Ofc. Frances Demers; Ofc. Shantelle Umukoro; Sgt. Ronald Major (Lt. Devin Gadson)

### ***Ridgeland Correctional Institution***

Sandra Washington (Patrice Orr) Penny Carter; Theresa Linder; Terry Corley (Jerome Smith)

### ***Trenton Correctional Institution***

Michael Harris (Sgt. Brian Lee)

### ***Tyger River Correctional Institution***

Ofc. Ronnie Nash (Lt. Adam Bradburn)

***If coordinators need more Can Do Spirit or Club Awards, please contact Trina Thomas at: 896-8555 or by email at [Thomas.Trina@doc.state.sc.us](mailto:Thomas.Trina@doc.state.sc.us), or by mainframe message at "c060035"***



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